

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1675

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Honorable James "Jim" G. Martin III upon his exemplary tenure as Circuit Court Judge and Chancellor, Division II for the 21st Judicial District.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor an outstanding jurist who, having faithfully discharged his duties for many years, is embarking upon a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Judge James "Jim" G. Martin III is one such noteworthy jurist, who has served the good people of Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson counties and the State of Tennessee with distinction since his appointment as a judge for the 21st Circuit Court in November 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jim Martin III is a 1969 graduate of Vanderbilt University, from which he received a Bachelor of Arts degree with *magna cum laude* honors; he received his Juris Doctor degree in 1974 from Vanderbilt University Law School, where he was a Patrick Wilson Scholar, associate editor of *Vanderbilt Law Review*, and a recipient of the Order of the Coif and Founders medal; and

WHEREAS, he proudly served his country from 1969 to 1971 as a member of the United States Army and is an honored recipient of the Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, upon being licensed to practice law in Tennessee in 1974, Judge Martin entered private practice with the law firm of McWilliams, Berry & Oglesby in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he joined the firm of Farris, Evans & Warfield in Nashville, which became Farris, Warfield & Kanaday in 1978; he remained with that firm until 2000 and was affiliated with Stites & Harbison, PLLC, from 2001 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Judge Martin served with distinction as Assistant City Attorney for the City of Franklin from 1974 to 1976 and as City Attorney from 1976 to 1988, in which capacity he practiced in all areas of municipal law and attended all meetings of the Board of Mayor and Alderman, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Beer Board, and from 1974 to 1990, he represented Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation in Williamson County; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community, Jim Martin III has served on the board of directors of Mercy Children's Clinic in Franklin for ten years and has also served as a member of the Tennessee Bar Association Code Committee of the Family Law Section, on a Department of Human Services Task Force in 2006 to review child support guidelines, and on a task force appointed by the Tennessee Supreme Court to recommend rules for appellate court mediation; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed member of his profession, Judge Martin is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Bar Foundation, and Tennessee Bar Foundation, and he is a member of the American Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, Williamson County Bar Association, and Tennessee John Marshall American Inns of Court; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Jim Martin III is the proud father of two daughters, Mary Ross and Emily, and the devoted grandfather of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Judge Martin exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jim Martin III has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Judge James "Jim" G. Martin III our heartfelt wishes for a

happy and fulfilling retirement, applauding his years of dedicated public service as Circuit Court Judge and Chancellor, Division II for the 21st Judicial District of the State of Tennessee and wishing him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.